



**State of California – The Resources Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

# **NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
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**PROJECT TITLE:** Mount Diablo Backcountry Fire Road Maintenance & Repairs

**LOCATION:** Mt. Diablo State Park

**COUNTY:** Contra Costa

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:**

Repair backcountry fire roads following winter storms of 2006 as part of ongoing operation and maintenance at Mount Diablo State Park to reduce road-related erosion entering ephemeral and perennial creeks thereby improving water quality and habitat. Work will remove and replace culverts, repair and install of wet water crossings, re-grading and realign existing road sections, road side cast berm removal, outsloping roads to prevent erosion, and stabilize road banks.

Road work activities near or in creeks will only occur between April 15<sup>th</sup> and October 31<sup>st</sup>, when most creeks are dry. Any work conducted within areas where known sensitive species have the potential to occur will be surveyed prior to work commencing and any species will be marked and protected. If sensitive wildlife species occur within the proposed work area, work will not begin until the animal moves out of the work area or further consultation with the U.S. Fish Wildlife Service and/or California Department of Fish and Game occurs. A trained sensitive species monitor will be present during all construction related activities and will be trained in the identification measures for Alameda whipsnake and California red-legged frog. Best Management Practices will be implemented at all times. No historic structures will be affected during the course of construction.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Diablo Vista District

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

☒ Categorical Exemption

Class: 1, Section: 15301

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

Project consists of the repair and minor alteration of existing public facilities, or topographical features, involving no expansion of use beyond current levels included as "trail or road repairs" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's exempt activities, in accordance with CCR §15300.4.

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